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**Wise Women Want Change**

**Membership**

Wise Women is a feminist organisation that continues to fight the oppression all women and girls experience in everyday life. We challenge society’s attitudes towards women by encouraging and supporting women to express themselves, recognise common experiences and take action for change.

We will only achieve this when we work with women across Scotland to hear their experiences and their ideas about how to increase women’s safety together.

**Who is eligible to join?**

We welcome applications from any woman who lives in Scotland over the age of 16 years old.

**How much will my membership cost?**

Membership is free. We want the membership to be open to all women. If you feel you can contribute Wise Women’s work please visit our website or email us at info@wisewomen.org.uk.

**How can I join?**

Complete the application. You can submit directly via email or if you would prefer a paper copy please contact us and we will provide the application with return postage.

**What will be the benefits of membership?**

Every successful member will receive our welcome pack with;

* Information pack
* An “I am a Wise Woman” badge.
* Back copies of the Newsletter.

As a member you will;

* Receive early information on course and events.
* Be invited to consultation events.
* Receive our quarterly newsletter pre-publication.
* An invite to our AGM.

**Once completed, please return form to** **info@wisewomen.org.uk** **or Wise Women, Wellpark Centre, 120 Sydney Street, Glasgow, G51 1JF**

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**Beliefs and Values**

* End all violence and discrimination against **all** women
* Believe that violence against women is a result of male abuse of power and that the same abuse of power contributes to the abuse of children.
* Ensure proactive and reactive anti-discriminatory work in all strategies, employment procedures and service provision.
* Believe that women are socially excluded and discriminated against because of individual, as well as institutional sexism and misogyny.
* Consistently Prioritise the needs of socially excluded women eg: Women involved in Prostitution, Black and Asian Women, Disabled women, Lesbians, Women with Learning Difficulties, Deaf Women, Women who have experienced abuse and violence, Young Women, Children, and Women living in poverty.
* Challenge Racism, Homophobia and Disablism by proactively working to end violence and discrimination towards Black Women, Lesbians and Disabled Women.
* Recognise and believe that women’s organisations (and women in other vol. orgs) play a crucial role in ending social exclusion and promoting true equality.
* Celebrate differences and diversity. Recognise the similarities of our struggles and the strength that we have when we come together.
* Because women’s choices are often limited we believe in women’s right to make choices about her body and lifestyle and to do this without guilt or fear of condemnation.
* Information is Power and to work towards providing equal access to information and resources on violence against women, equality, rights and discrimination.
* To recognise and work with the individual strengths of women in all of their diversity and responsibly draw connections between the discriminations that women experience (sexism, racism, homophobia, discrimination against disabled women, classism).
* Improve the quality of women’s lives by increasing their self-confidence and self-esteem and fighting for equal pay and opportunity through our work.

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**Membership Application Form**

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How do you prefer to receive information.

Post 

Email 

Telephone 

I have read the beliefs and values of Wise Women and I would like to become a member.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please add my contact details to

Wise Women’s Mailing List 

Glasgow Women’s Voluntary Sector Network Mailing List 

**Please tell us why you would like to become a member of Wise Women.**